

## U. S. DEFENCE ISSUE IS DODGED BY BAKER

War Secretary's Annual Report Makes No Mention of Real Preparedness.

### DISAPPOINTS ARMY MEN

Border Mobilization Held to Have Shown Need of Recreational Programme.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Secretary Baker's annual report, made public today, is likely to cause disappointment throughout the regular army. It makes no mention of the problem how to increase the morale of the troops in a position of real preparedness for war.

After reviewing the mobilization of the National Guard on the Mexican border and the confusion and inefficiency which attended it, Secretary Baker deduces as the great lesson to be derived from it "the need of a suitable programme of recreational activity for soldiers during periods of enforced inactivity."

Army officers who have read the report pointed out to-day the unfortunate impression which the statements of this nature have made. The army view is that the mobilization should have taught the Government many far-reaching lessons of the greatest importance. If there is any hope that the country is to be placed in a condition of real defence, it has taken six months to get the National Guardmen in shape where it would be safe to risk an engagement with Mexican bandits and it would take two years before any military commander would think of pitting the guardsmen against an army of a first class power. Yet, it is explained, with these striking lessons of unpreparedness staring the country in the face the Secretary's chief concern is for a programme of recreational activity for the guard.

**Pacific Ideas.**  
"Let me put the guardsmen through four hours work in the morning and four hours in the afternoon and they will be glad to hit their bunkers," is the way one officer put it. "There would be no talk of recreational activity forming the chief concern of the guard."

In a general way Secretary Baker's report shows he is working against instead of with the army leaders. There is nothing in his report to show that he has imbibed the practically unanimous sentiment of the army with respect to the necessity for universal service, or with regard to the utter collapse of the Hay scheme of Federalized militia. The feeling is that the Secretary is leaning strongly toward ultra pacific ideas, which are now unaffected by political issues. Fear is expressed that the White House is indulging in this idealism and that the President, so far as he knows, has never once consulted his entire Administration concerning an officer of the army who is a realist. They believe it is high time for him to get the views of military experts, and it is certain that this phase of the preparedness question will be thoroughly aired in Congress.

Much of Mr. Baker's report is merely a historical resume of questions which have been exhaustively discussed, such as the workings of the national defence act, preparedness legislation enacted by Congress, procurement of military supplies, need of machine guns, etc. Attention is called to the progress of aviation in the army.

Referring to the present situation in Mexico and on the border, Secretary Baker says: "Disturbances by outlaws and bandits in northern Mexico have continued and roving bands of various numbers have moved through the territory harassing Mexican forces and raiding Mexican communities, but they have not ventured an attack upon the people of the United States."

### Full Force Not Needed.

"In the meantime the militia forces on the border have been drilled, their organizations perfected and their personnel accustomed to life in camp in the performance of their defensive duty. On the advice of the military commanders it has been determined that full protection can be given on the border without utilizing the entire force of the National Guard in the service of the United States. The number of National Guardsmen on the border is substantially 110,000, officers and men."

"The National Guard is, both by law and in contemplation of its members, the force of defence immediately back of the regular army. It is organized for the purpose of responding quickly to emergency calls, but our country has been regularly free from international boundary difficulty which required more force than could be found in the organizations of the regular army within the country. The sort of duty presented by the Mexican difficulty, therefore, is unusual and may well have been anticipated. The readiness with which the militia responded to this call was most gratifying, and when the transitional condition in which it was found by the call is remembered the confusion and difficulties attending the mobilization will seem insignificant in comparison with its success and with the splendid spirit with which both men and officers of the National Guard responded." "Many valuable lessons will be learned from this mobilization experience which the department hopes can be applied in further organization of the National Guard. As yet it is too soon to sum up in detail all of these experiences, nor would it be just to the Guard to measure its response to this need by a mere statistical exhibit of its condition at the time of the call or the time of the transfer of its units to the border. In this connection, however, I desire to point out that under modern conditions one of the great needs of the army organization is a suitable programme of recreational activity for soldiers during periods of enforced inactivity."

The authorized strength of the regular army on June 30, 1916, was 5,013 officers and 122,453 enlisted men and the actual strength 4,843 officers and 97,013 enlisted men.

Secretary Baker, in referring to progress in aviation says: "The project of the development of the aviation section contemplates seven aero squadrons for the regular army, twelve squadrons for the National Guard and five for the defence on both coasts, besides aerostatic units for the mobile army and coast artillery. The personnel for these will be made up from officers and enlisted men of the regular army, of the reserve corps and of the National Guard units."

Orders have been placed (for proposals solicited) for 418 aeroplanes, according to Mr. Baker's report. These machines include 512 two plane reconnaissance aeroplanes, 120 advance training aeroplanes, 34 primary training aeroplanes, 18 one plane pursuit aeroplanes, 155 two plane reconnaissance hydroaeroplanes and 8 two plane and combat aeroplanes.

## BERNHARDT ROUSES TO HIGH PITCH AS 'JOAN'

Is Also Seen in Opioid Tragedy and in a Poetic Play of the Crusades.

### MANY IN CREW FROM U. S.

How German Submarine Got Four Victims Told by a Brooklyn Man.

The American built steamship John Lambert, purchased by the Societe Maritime Nationale of Paris and flying the French flag, was sunk without warning by a German submarine on the afternoon of November 21 about twenty-five miles south of the Isle of Wight, according to her chief engineer, Edward Harrison of Brooklyn, who arrived yesterday from Bordeaux by the French liner Bretagne. They saw the same submarine sink three other ships.

## BEST N. Y. DANCERS PICKED AT BAZAAR

Proceeds of Russian Benefit Already Reported to Have Exceeded \$20,000.

A dancing contest for the championship of New York was the attraction at the Russian Bazaar last night. It proved a big one, for in addition to settling the disputed question as to who are Father Knickerbocker's leading amateur tango, one-step and waltz artists, the contest brought forth some of the world's most famous professional dancers to act as judges.

There were Miss Anna Pavlova, Mlle. Plaskovetka, Mlle. Kuhn, Ivan Clustine, Chalfi, de Kurlyo and Volinine. More than one hundred couples entered the contest, and it took more than an hour to weed out the hopeless ones and get down to the winners. These, it was announced, were:

Waltz and one-step, Miss Jane Padock and Archie Smith; fox trot, Miss Gladys Hoffman and Boris Kuechen; second, waltz, Miss Aida Platon and E. A. Staphyroulis; one-step and fox trot, Miss A. Buckley and E. O. Spencer.

Although the official figures will not be given out until after the Bazaar is over, it is understood that more than \$20,000 had been taken in up to 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Marie Dressler was the feature of the entertainment yesterday afternoon. She did a Russian dance with one of the male members of Pavlova's troop, which if not typically Russian on her part, was at least novel. Miss Beatrice Wood did an original dance with a Caucasian and a Russian in the afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Johnston, who has charge of a booth at the bazaar, is a sister-in-law of Gen. Brusiloff, who is leading the Czar's army to the aid of Rumania. She is selling autographed photographs of the General. She hears frequently from her sister, she said, and her sister writes that at least one-fourth of Gen. Brusiloff's army is composed of Jews.

### Police Band Gives Concert.

At its tenth annual concert last night in Harlem River Casino the police band played for the first time "The Finest," a march composed by Victor Herbert and dedicated to the band. Besides the musical numbers given under the direction of Chester W. Smith, the leader, there was a vaudeville programme by performers lent by B. F. Keith. Lawrence B. Dunham, Deputy Police Commissioner, and Mrs. Dunham led the grand march. About 6,000 persons attended. The band will give another concert in Prospect Hall, 261 Prospect avenue, Brooklyn, to-night. Including the fire and drum corps the organization is composed of eighty-five pieces.

### THE SEAGUARDS.

Arrivals by the French liner Espagne from Bordeaux: John D. Little, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Stephen Bonal, Mrs. C. Burgess, Charles Olin, Rufus Geyer, John W. Harrington, Lawrence Johnson, John D. Little, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Stephen Bonal, Mrs. C. Burgess, Charles Olin, Rufus Geyer, John W. Harrington, Lawrence Johnson, John D. Little, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Stephen Bonal, Mrs. C. Burgess, Charles Olin, Rufus Geyer, John W. Harrington, Lawrence Johnson.

### WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

ANN TUCKER, died May 7, 1916. Net estate, \$20,000. The Rev. Patrick P. McArann, not related, executor. \$1,000. William Barry, sister, 25.00; Edward Barry, Richard Barry, grand children, 25.00 each; Elizabeth Coughlin, nee, 25.00; Edward Coughlin, nephew, 25.00; Helen Coughlin, nee, 25.00; the Rev. Henry Brown, not related, and the Rev. John J. Smith, not related, 25.00 each. There were several small legacies and the executors were instructed to distribute \$1,000 for masses.

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Miss Anna Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Brown of the Boulevard, Bayonne, N. J., was married last evening to Wilton C. Giddens of Hightstown, N. J., by the Rev. A. A. Pfandstiel, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Bayonne.

## SAW A U-BOAT SINK 3 SHIPS AND HIS OWN

Chief Engineer of the Lambert Brings First News of Vessel's Loss.

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The Lambert sailed from Montreal on October 31 for Havre, carrying 1,600 tons of coal. She was en route to Falmouth when she was sunk. The cause of engine trouble and sailed there for her destination on November 21. She was commanded by Capt. Thomas Harris of Montreal, a British subject, but most of the crew were American citizens.

Chief Engineer Harrison said that the German submarine appeared off the port bow of the Lambert and opened fire without warning. The first shell whistled across the ship's bow. The next hit the bridge. Second Officer John Bernadus, who had been on the bridge, ordered the French flag up and the men into the boats. The shelling continued while the boats were being lowered, according to Harrison.

Capt. Harris and the men who launched the starboard boat got away without mishap. Harrison was in charge of the port boat and he says all hands were in a hurry to reach the boat. They saw the Lambert sink after eleven shells had been sent into her, and as they rowed away they noted the submarine shell and sink a French bark, a fishing vessel and a steamship. They were twelve hours in their boats when they were picked up by a mine sweeper and landed on the French coast.

The Lambert was one of twelve vessels built on the Great Lakes that French interests had purchased or agreed to purchase. She was owned originally by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Transportation Company, was built at Chicago in 1903 and measured 1,550 tons gross. Four of the lake built boats have arrived in France, and among the passengers passengers were eighty members of their crews.

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### FRANCES STARR AT BELASCO.

Will Be Presented December 21 in a New Comedy.

The return of Frances Starr and the early departure of that sparkling comedy of courtship "Seven Chances" were announced yesterday by David Belasco.

Frances Starr in "Little Lady in Blue" a new comedy by Horace Hodges and T. Wigney Perryer, will be presented Thursday evening, December 21, at the Belasco Theatre by Mr. Belasco.

This will be her first appearance in comedy under the direction of Mr. Belasco. Miss Starr's supporting company includes Jerome Patrick, George Gladden, A. G. Andrews, Frederick Graham, Horace Braham, Charles Garry, Carl Sauerman, Roland Rushton and others.

After next Monday night there will be only seven more chances to see "Seven Chances." The comedy, with its cast intact, will tour the principal cities, opening in Philadelphia, and will part of the engagements booked for David Warfield in "The Music Master," whose season at the Knickerbocker Theatre has been extended to February.

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## 'JOAN OF ARC' SUNG WITH GOOD EFFECT

First Concert of Oratorio Season Devoted to Repetition of Bossi's Mystery.

### CLIFTON CRAWFORD IN NEW OPERETTA

The Shuberts Present "Her Soldier Boy" at the Astor Theatre.

### A WAR PLAY IN ENGLISH

Combination of Wit, Beauty, Melody and Grace Pleases Broadway.

The first concert of the Oratorio Society's season took place last evening in Carnegie Hall. The work chosen for presentation was Enrico Bossi's "Joan of Arc," which the composer describes as a "mystery." The title comes down from the ecclesiastic theatre of the middle ages and serves its purpose well enough. Of course the work is simply a historical cantata. It was produced by the Oratorio Society on December 6 and of last year for the first time in this country.

A sufficiently detailed description of the composition was given at that time. It is a work of theatrical energy and frequently attains dramatic effect. In all the developments of his largely planned musical scenes the composer has not been equally successful, and there are some pages of really poor stuff. But his best is very good, and in the episode of the coronation he has reached a dignified style which even rises to impressiveness.

The ensembles are all skilfully made. They have generous outlines and polyphonic richness. The treatment of the voices in the choral parts is excellent, but the soloists are often asked to do very difficult things. The performance of the work was very carefully prepared last year by Louis Koerner, conductor of the Oratorio Society, and he was fortunately able to secure the same soloists for last night.

They were Marie Sundelius, soprano; Grace D. Northrup, soprano; Rose Bryant, contralto; Morgan Kingston, tenor; and Clifford Cairns, baritone. The Philharmonic Society supplied the orchestra, and there was a chorus of boys from the choir of the church of St. Andrew and St. Edward the Martyr. The work was very well sung and the audience apparently enjoyed the performance.

At this moment a bit of shrapnel that came pretty close to the hurrying men covered the forward tackle, incidentally carrying away a part of the bow, and the boat dropped right side up into the water. The men clambered into it and both boats rowed toward the French coast. They saw the Lambert sink after eleven shells had been sent into her, and as they rowed away they noted the submarine shell and sink a French bark, a fishing vessel and a steamship. They were twelve hours in their boats when they were picked up by a mine sweeper and landed on the French coast.

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